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CARIBBEAN *Connection*

THE WEST INDIES MISSION COUPLES' NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Couples,

We have grown so close to each one of you. It is not easy to see you get to the end of your mission and bid farewell. In this issue, we say bon voyage to the McGhies and the Whites. (To the McGhies, it is literal, as they leave on a Mediterranean Cruise 2 days after they arrive home.) They were our first "recruits." They are from our homeward in Sherwood Hills, Provo Utah Edgemont North Stake. What a wonderful work they have done. They have prepared the ***Caribbean Connection*** for you so regularly, they have organized the phone lists, the applications to have new branches and new missionaries, and a myriad of other projects and yes Elder McGhie was given the honorary title of Car Czar early in their mission.

We are also sad to bid farewell to the Whites. They have served so faithfully as the coordinating, administrative couple in Guyana for 16 months and then capped off their service in St. Vincent assisting the Calliqua Branch for two months. Using Elder White's experience directing Idaho's LDS Family Services as a counselor and Sister White's motherly experience in helping elders, they listened, counseled, and mentored elders, members and local leaders their entire mission. They were recruited by the Lockharts, who were recruited by the Dunns.

What a void is being left by these two couples. We appreciate the McGhies and the Whites as we appreciate each of you. You come to us from as far away as Holland to across the pond in the United States. Many of you have served multiple missions and some of you serve for two years. When you arrive you each determine your own niche and prayerfully proceed to establish the kingdom using your many gifts. Each of you brings unique talents to this mission making it what it has become...a shining light in the Caribbean. Since we have arrived, we have climbed from 6 couples (including 1 CES and 1 Humanitarian) to as many as 24 couples at a time. And since you have arrived, we have seen attendance in the branches climb. This has fostered a climate in which members have enjoyed bringing their non-member friends resulting in an increased number of baptisms. You have left that legacy in the West Indies Mission. *Hurrah for Israel.* We love and appreciate you.

President and Sister Robison

WELCOME TO GORDON & GABRIELLA MORTON!

The Mortons spent most of their married life in Canada but now call Orem home. He was born in Canada, and she, in Italy. They are converts to the Church and were baptized in 1970. They have served in a variety of callings.

The Mortons will work with Sangre Grande Branch in Trinidad to replace the McGhies there and will live in the Arima apartment.

Veterans of both the corporate and personal sides of network marketing, Gordon and Gabriella Morton's knowledge and commitment to the nutritional supplement industry spans nearly three decades. They developed thriving distributorships, first with Enhanced Living International, and now XanGo™.



More on

Pieter and Ailka Broekzitter

serving in Suriname



Ailka & Pieter on their wedding day.

At 23 years of age Pieter Broekzitter met his 17-year old sweetheart Ailka working at the construction site of a house next to the residence of Ailka's mother. Four years later they got married on the 11th of March 1964. They were blessed with three daughters and a son. In 1966 two American "students" promoted a book about the Indians,

but Ailka kindly told them they weren't interested. When she walked back into the living room and related the conversation to her husband, Pieter felt that these young men had something important to offer. He hurried outside to look for them, but couldn't find them anymore.

A year later, two other well-dressed young men from America knocked on their door and left a book for them. Ailka recognized it as the same book from the year before. Pieter was very interested in the questions they asked and the answers they gave them to contemplate. He was also very impressed by their demeanor and their way of conversing. Ailka felt it was all too much, so Pieter waited until she was ready to be baptized as well.

The Broekzitters in their native Holland

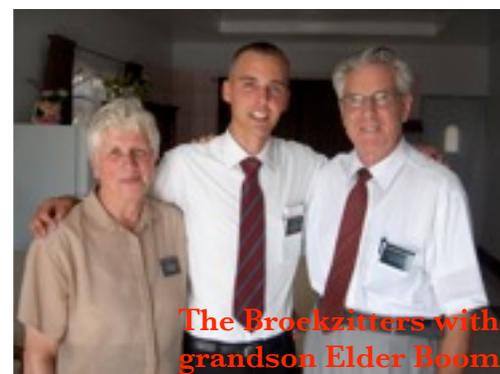


Four months later, on September 13, 1967, the elders baptized them and confirmed them as members of the Rotterdam-South Ward in the Netherlands. There are not many callings in their Ward Ailka

and Pieter didn't serve in. After the dedication of the The Hague Temple in 2001 they served as temple workers and coordinators until their mission call brought them to Suriname.

Pieter says: "being a member for 41 years taught us more in a spiritual way than the fine art of woodman ship in a material way." All four kids are very involved in the church, so are the 10 grandchildren. Two of their eight grandsons have been on a mission. One served in Greece and the other one served in Suriname.

"Truly it can be said that we find joy in our posterity", Ailka emotionally confirms.



The Broekzitters with grandson Elder Room

Weekend in St. Vincent

The McGhies flew to St. Vincent for an audit--and a little R and R. The Hattons were perfect hosts and showed them all the best of the island in two days. The Whites had recently moved to St. Vincent from Guyana and joined in the activities, which included the lovely Botanical Gardens, the baptism of a couple, dinner at the elegant French Verandah Restaurant overlooking the Caribbean, Sunday meetings and choir practice, a drive around the beautiful island, a visit to Dark View Falls, and lunch at Wallilibu Bay where the movie *Pirates of the Caribbean* was filmed.

Would you believe how hard it rains in St. Vincent? Elder Hatton wants you to know. This couldn't be the falls, could it?



Hattons, Whites, McGhies at the Botanical Gardens, St. Vincent.

Vieux Fort Baptism

Shanta and Shenell Charlemagne were baptized on 10 July 2008. Elders Lauritzen and Kippins taught Shenell when they were here, and then Elders Beute and Sookram taught both of them and were able to bring them in together.



Vieux Fort Primary

Our Primary is large enough now to have three classes.

The youngest children in the classroom



The 10 and 11 year olds at the bottom of the stairs.



The 6-9 year olds on the balcony.



From Guadeloupe



Brother Cesarin with Elder Malmrose's and now his line of authority. Elder Malmrose printed it up for him and framed it. He was thrilled to receive it. The other is his actual ordination certificate. They tell us that one of the things that made a big difference in their leaving their old church and joining ours, was the love they felt from the members. They are a delightful couple.

Local Senior Sister Missionaries Serve Mini Mission in Guadeloupe

Two relatively new members of the Church in Guadeloupe have been watching the missionaries serving in their area and they were filled with the desire to do the same thing. At this time of their lives, they have commitments that prevent them serving a full time mission but a mini-mission for a month seemed like the perfect answer.



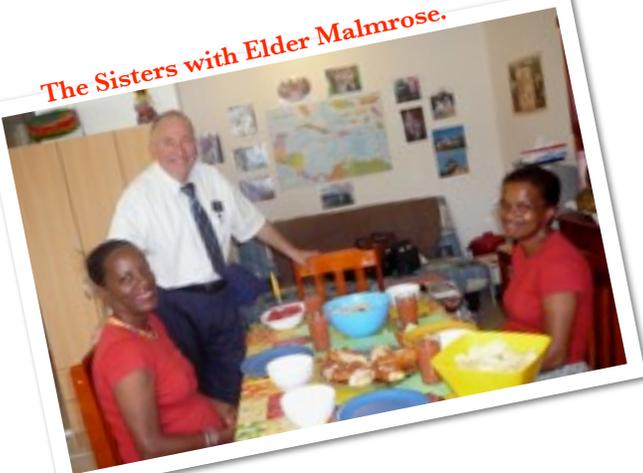
came to serve a mini-mission together for the month of August, they were excited to accept. They now have the distinction of being the first ever senior sister missionaries from the French speaking islands of the West Indies.

They were set apart by the District President, President Gami-ette. The next day, they attended a training meeting held for them by the senior couple,

Elder and Sister Malmrose and the Zone Leaders, Elder Garotta and Elder Garrett. They came with their copies of "Preach My Gospel" in hand, ready to start. They were instructed on how to use their missionary planners and given missionary supplies and other information they will need.

This is the way it should be. Our wonderful members excited about helping with missionary work! Watch out full time missionaries, they could well show us all up.

The Sisters with Elder Malmrose.



Sister Galbas and Sister Victor have been friends for many years and now live next door to each other. They studied the Church together for a year before joining two years ago and have been very active ever since, taking out their endowments a year after their baptism. They both serve in their branch. If there is a district or branch activity, you can be sure to see them there. They often go out teaching with the missionaries. So, when this opportunity

Sister Galbas and Sister Victor with President and Sister Robison, Elder and Sister Malmrose, and Elder and Sister Platt.





Farewell



It's too hard to leave and say goodbye, but we must. We will miss many things about Trinidad and the West Indies Mission. We will miss the warm weather, the beauty of the island, our morning walks in our neighborhood, our comfortable but simple apartment, but mostly we will miss the people—so many good, faithful members of the Church here striving to follow Christ. We will miss the wonderful young Elders we have so enjoyed getting to know, such dedicated, faithful young men serving the Lord with all their hearts yet still able to have fun. We will miss all you couples, and even though we have not even met some of you, we so admire the great work you do and the examples you set. We have high hopes of seeing a lot of you couples and many of the young Elders at mission reunions. But the reality is that we won't meet many of our dear Trinidad friends again in this life. We know it will be hard to adjust to life at home. Yes, a Mediterranean cruise as we leave Trinidad will help, invitation from our son and daughter-in-law.

Our mission is fast coming to an end. Like every couple, as we look back on the last 18 months, we wonder where the time has gone. With Guyana being our home away from home for most of our mission, we left with mixed emotions. We have become such good friends with those wonderful people in Guyana. We have worked with so many missionaries as they have served there. We have definitely left a piece of our hearts there. The other couples that we served with have become true and fast friends. Our last 2 months here on St. Vincent have been a wonderful way to end our mission experience. The island is beautiful and we have enjoyed working with the Hatton's.

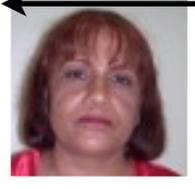
Our mission experience has been wonderful, not always easy, but always a great experience. We have grown together and learned to watch for the "tender mercies" that the Lord shows down on us. Life is good. We are looking forward to meeting some new grandchildren that have been born in our absence, and getting reacquainted with our children and grandchildren. We will miss the wonderful missionaries who serve in the "best mission in the world". The gospel is spreading, and will continue grow in the West Indies Mission. We are thankful to be a part of that effort. It has been a privilege to be a part of this great work.

May the Lord continue to bless ALL his missionaries, both young and older. We will look forward to seeing one another again at reunions.

Love from *The McGhies*

Love, *Elder and Sister White*

SADHA ROTI



My cooking lesson from Sister Hafizah Arjoon, Arima Branch. And then I compared it with the cookbook. It turns out like our pita or pocket bread if cut in half and split. She presented me with a tawa, so I need to make roti when I get home and report back. A tawa is a flat, round iron grill or pan used on top of the stove. This recipe uses no oil.

Mix: 4 c. flour
 4 t. baking powder
 1 t. salt
 1 t. instant yeast
 Add: 1-1/2 cups warm water or slightly more.
 Cover with damp towel and let rest 1/2 hour.
 Divide dough into eight and shape into balls.

Roll ball out on floured surface to 1/2" thick and 8" round.
 Cook on moderately hot tah wah, baking stone or griddle for a minute or two on each side.. (Do not overcook.)
 Toast edges over fire. (This was new to me, sliding the roti over the edge of the taw wah and roasting in the flame. We hope the electric stove at home works as well.)

Current WIM Couples as of 18 Aug 2008 (but more changes coming within days)

- Broekzitter
- Bullock
- Coleman
- Evans
- Farrer
- Green
- Hatton
- Langford
- Larsen, Earl
- Larsen, Ronald
- Leavitt
- Malmrose
- McGhie
- Mertopawiro
- Morton
- Owens
- Platt
- Robison
- Ross
- Sherwood
- Tanner
- White
- Williamson
- Wood